

House Bill 171

By: Representatives Jackson of the 161st, Bordeaux of the 162nd, and Bryant of the 160th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 42-1-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state sexual offender registry, so as to require persons convicted of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor to verify registration every 90 days after the date of the initial release on probation by the court or the initial release by the Department of Corrections or commencement of parole; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 42-1-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state sexual offender registry, is amended by striking subsection (d) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(d)(1) In addition to any other applicable requirements included in paragraph (2) of this subsection, for For a person required to register under subparagraph (b)(1)(A) of this Code section, on each anniversary of the person's initial registration date during the period in which the person is required to register under this Code section, the following applies:

(A) The Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall mail a nonforwardable verification form to the last reported address of the person;

(B) Upon receipt of the verification form the person shall be required to report in person to the sheriff of the person's county of residence within ten days of the anniversary date;

(C) The verification form stating that the person still resides at the address last reported to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall be signed by the person and retained by the sheriff;

(D) The person shall report to the sheriff of the person's county of residence to be photographed every year within ten days of the anniversary date of the original registration; and

1 (E) If the person fails to respond directly to the sheriff within ten days after receipt of
2 the form, the person shall be in violation of this Code section.

3 (2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be applied to a person who
4 is convicted of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor and who is required to
5 register under subparagraph (b)(1)(A) of this Code section, except that such person shall
6 verify the registration every 90 days after the date of the initial release on probation by
7 the court or the initial release by the Department of Corrections or commencement of
8 parole.

9 (3) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be applied to a person
10 required to register under subparagraph (b)(1)(B) of this Code section, except that such
11 person ~~must~~ shall verify the registration every 90 days after the date of the initial release
12 on probation by the court or the initial release by the Department of Corrections or
13 commencement of parole."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.